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Interested indeed will be the friends of Mr. A. L. Kent, formerly of Toronto, to know that he is engaged to Miss Gertie Lucas, of Oakville, daughter of Robert L. Lucas, a retired farmer. The happy union, if not already consummated, is expected to take place in the immediate future. Mr. Kent, as an ex-student, has our sincere congratulations and well-wishes. The two years course was completed by him in June, '92, and he is now, like many others, engaged in dairying, with, we are glad to know, encouraging results. His cattle are all of the Holstein breed, and he has been fortunate in securing the services of an experienced stockman from Scotland. Mr. Kent contemplates adding another two hundred and fifty acres to his already extensive property.

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J. Vipond, who obtained his diploma last year, has now launched out for himself. He is endeavoring to prove practically the benefits of mixed farming. Joe's friends wish him abundant success and secretly surmise that he soon intends to follow the worthy example of his fellow ex-student referred to above.

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F. Walker, '93, possesses a well appointed farm at Norwichville. Dairying claims most of his attention. Mr. Walker is the owner of some fine thoroughbred cattle.

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We are informed that E. H. Bates, an O. A. C. student of some six years back, has recently taken unto himself a permanent partner, in other words—he has married. Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Bates have our best wishes for much and continued happiness. No portion, however, of the mystic current compound has yet found its way into our sanctum. But, "Gad darn it"—perhaps that new office boy demolished it—methought he had "a lean and hungry look."

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W. A. Ruthven, associate of '92, is farming with his father in West Essex, Simcoe county. He is one of those industrious, thinking men who will make farming a success. Next summer they intend to erect a brick house. This is an indication of success. Whether it is a forerunner of anything in particular or not we are not prepared to say.

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Hugh Black, '92, has been successfully running a cream factory a few miles from Georgetown.

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D. Z. Gibson, B. S. A., was back at the Union meeting in December. During his course here he did not make as much noise as many do, but yet succeeded in taking the gold medal. This is about the way he is likely to do with any of the good things of this world which are within the reach of a real scientific farmer.

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Wm. Rendall, '89, Camperdown, Ont., is now attending the Dairy School. Some time ago he erected an octagonal barn on his farm, which gave every satisfaction and attracted considerable attention. Besides the saving of material in construction and the economizing of

labour in feeding stock, owing to its compactness, it also presents a very attractive style of architecture.

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S. G. Carlyle, who completed his first year in '94, is working in the dairy department on his father's farm at Chesterville. He hopes that in the near future he may be enabled to complete his course.

Our Literary Society.



THE first meeting of the Literary Society this term was held on the evening of the 15th February. Mr. A. T. Wiancko occupied the chair, and about 60 members were present.

It may interest students of former years to know that loud talking and other noises in the College Reading Room has lately become so much of a nuisance as to call for some effective means to stop it. The matter was thoroughly discussed at this first meeting of the Society and it was agreed to appoint a committee, from among the students, of which each member should be in the Reading Room one day in turn for half an hour or so after each meal, and report any noisy person to the proper authorities. It is hoped that this plan will be effective.

An invitation from The University College Literary and Scientific Society, Toronto, to send a delegate to the coming convention of that Society was accepted, and Mr. Lailey was appointed to represent our Society there.

A letter was read from the Guelph Collegiate Institute Literary Society, containing a standing invitation to any members of our Society who would like to attend their meetings. This kind invitation will no doubt be accepted by many of our members.

After the foregoing business had been disposed of the programme was gone on with, being opened by Mr. E. F. White who in an interesting address on Tennyson's poems "Locksley Hall," "Enoch Arden," and "Idylls of the King," described their leading features and the care and attention to expression, a characteristic of Tennyson, which had been given to them.

The debate on the subject: "Resolved that the policy of the Opposition in the Dominion House of Commons is better than that of the present Government," was taken up by Messrs. A. W. Macdonald and H. D. Kewley. Mr. Macdonald speaking for the Opposition, and Mr. Kewley for the present Government.

The policy of the Government was ably championed by Mr. Kewley on such questions as the C. P. R. deal, cattle embargo and tariff, while Mr. Macdonald endeavored to show that the present Government's policy was not all that could be desired.

After the debate Mr. A. A. King recited, with much effect, the well known piece, "The Wreck of the Hesperus."

The discussion on the question of the evening followed, and a very lively time was indulged in by those whose party feelings had been aroused by the speakers.

After the discussion had been closed, a song by Mr. Morgan followed by another in response to an encore, and the critic's remarks, finished a very pleasant two and a half hours entertainment.